## AN INCOME

Proposed Feature of the Financial System of Hawaii.

PASSAGE OF THE BILL BY THE SENATE

Supplying the American Market With Bananas.

EXPANSION OF TRADE

Correspondence of The Evening Star.

HONOLULU, June 20, 1806. Hawali is making a first step toward taxing incomes. A bill is in its final stages for a tax of 1 per cent on all incomes in excess of \$2,000. At his request, the supreme court has rendered to President Dole their opinion, which is favorable, as to the tax being constitutional. The Senate was divided on the passage of the bill by a majority of eight to six. I am sorry to say that the minority embraced the senators of largest wealth. This was natural, but not good in the impression given to the people as to the degree of public spirit in our men of capital. They are able and useful legislators, and, as a class, men of munificent habit, and one does not like to see them taking an attitude prejudicing their chances of re-election.

An income tax, and a heavy one, is bound to form a part of our future financial system. The present is only a first and experimental attempt, by way of seeing what can be done in that line and learning how to operate the system. Our people are advancing in their convictions that the wealthy should bear a large share of the burdens of the government which protects them in gaining and holding their great estates. The present law is likely to be followed by a graded income tax with an in-creasing percentage on the higher incomes. Our Hawaiian community already feels an influence from the example of New Zealand, which is a somewhat near neighbor. That colony has made great advances in the direction of graded taxation, not only of incomes, but also of individual estates in

A leading object of increased taxation of large holdings of land is, of course, to dis-courage very large landed possessions, and to make it desirable to their owners to part with them to small holders. Our present industrial system in Hawaii, while now productive of wealth in a high degree, tends in many districts to prevent the establish-ment of small farmers, the yeomanry who constitute the most valuable citizenship in any country. This evil will be more felt as the immigration of white agriculturists increases. A sugar plantation is apt to be profitable in proportion to its size. A mill that turns out from fifty to one hundred tons of sugar a day can be worked with much greater economy than the smaller mills producing from ten to twenty tons daily. Thus the tendency is to consolidate all neighboring plantations into one, as well as to absorb all available bits of land in the district, crowding out the small cultivators. Where a large plantation exists, it becomes quite impossible for the small farmer to obtain land at all. There is no room for him. The community comes to consist of a white manager and half a dozen white subordinates, with a thousand or so of illiter ate laborers, mostly Asiatics.

Large Land Holdings.

On the other hand it is to be said of the three largest plantations in the islands, that they occupy no land which could have become available for small farmers at any near period. They are located upon arid tracts, and depend entirely upon artificial irrigation, which cost a two-thirds of our sugar plantations that they occupy lands reclaimed from unculti-vated wilderness, used for grazing. It is very probable that in the near future, when our expected annexation to the United States shall have checked the Asiatic labor supply, and shall have set in white immigrants from America, many of the less favorably lo America, many of the less favorably lo-cated sugar estates will become unprofit-able, and will be subdivided into small holdings and sold. This will be greatly to be desired. And the previous reclamation of the land from its primitive roughness, with its improvements in roads, fences, and many buildings, will make such places very desirable for settlement by

Really, though, there never need be any serious difficulty in independent farmers finding an abundance of land on which to locate to advantage, now that the govern-ment is embarked upon a liberal policy of road making to open up the districts hith-erto practically inaccessible. During the coming two years from 100 to 150 miles of new roads of the best quality will open for settlement over 100,000 acres of virgin coffee lands of the first-class on the Island tivator in easy communication with good seaports, enabling him to market not only coffee, but perishable products, which may be in demand in the towns. The advantage of such roads is proved by the way in which 20,000 acres of coffee lands along the new volcano road have been taken up during the past three years by white settlers. Already branch roads are demanded tracts lying in the rear. The increased taxes on these occupied lands already more than twice pay the interest on the entire \$120,000 which the whole thirty

miles of road cost. Trade With This Country.

As available for exportation to California one perishable product, easily produced here by the small cultivator, is especially worthy of mention. Bananas are already exported from Honolulu to San Francisco at the rate of 10,000 or more bunches monthly, at rates fairly profitable to the cultivator. This business is capable of great expansion. Your immense West great expansion. Your immense West India banana traffic indicates what will yet be done from Hawaii to supply the grow. ing population of the Pacific coast with this very popular fruit. Althous, our bananas already suffer from an appetition with the supplies sent by re way and steamer from Mexico and ven from Texas ports, we are well situated for successfully meeting such a markition.

ing such competition.
The present banana crop is all raised within a few miles of this city upon scat-tered small patches. There is abundance of available land for such culture along the line of the Oahu railway. The largest district soon to be made accessible to the city, is one of about 7,500 acres of excel-lent banana lands, from seven to ten miles from the city on the windward or rainy side of the island. This is at present unavailable owing to a 900-foot precipice. Down this precipice, known as the Nunanu Pall, a wagon road of easy grade is immediately to be completed at a cost of about \$50,000. The effect of this road will necessarily be to make the occupancy of those lands profitable for small cultivators, especially for raising bananas, of which 500,000 bunches could easily be produced nnually in that section for export from

Pall, with its magnificent panorama of mountain precipice, verdant rolling glades and foaming reefs. That slope of the island divided from the city by a vast mountain wall, faces the northeast trade winds, and their moisture, while the Honolulu gets their moisture, while the Honolulu side is somewhat arid, so that nothing is produced on the shore without irrigation Those Kaolan slopes receive about eighty inches of annual rainfall to our thirty, and so need no irrigation for either sugar-cane or bananas. The contrast of that green country to our brown hillsides is immense. The coming road down the Pall will be a great boon. It will induce many of our people to occupy country seats in that district, as a few already do, laborlously climbing the steep Pali trail on

The entire lower belt of the Hila country s eminently suited to banana culture, owing to its moisture and fertility. It is not the less so, in that a large part of the land is too rough and lava-strewn to be bearable. Bananas call for no ploughing. They require deep holes, seven or eight feet apart, the ground kept clean, very rich soil and abundant moisture. Then, during three years, each hole is good for from five to eight bunches, averaging seventy-five pounds each, before its capacity for production is exhausted. This is a business well adapted to the white farmer, in a mild climate like ours. The Hila banana belt duction is exhausted. This is a business well adapted to the white farmer, in a mild elimate like ours. The Hila banana belt will be below the 1,000-foot line of altitude, is sitting on James right now."

which averages ten miles inland. It is a tropical plant, which does not thrive in higher altitudes or where the nights and winter months are chill. The higher districts are admirably suited to coffee, which doing well anywhere between 500 and 3,000. Many farmers in Hila will be likely to combine coffee and bananas, together with general farm products, for domestic consumption, such as corn, squashes, sweet potatoes, together with the necessary cows, pigs and poultry. Above 2,500 feet, Irish potatoes do well.

A Line of Freight Steamers.

In no very remote future it may be ex-

steamers will carry from Hilo bananas to San Francisco, as well as coffee and sugar, and make a very paying business of it. A wharf is now ordered for construction on the inner hight of Hilo bay, where ships can lie alongside. A railway of one and a half miles will connect wharf and town. This railway will be gradually extended so as to take in all the plantations along sixty miles of coast northward, where landings are difficult. This is destined soon to render Hilo an important port, supporting its own line of steamers direct to San Francisco. Give us annexation as soon as your republican Congress and administration settle down to business in 1897, and we will at once have many hundreds of magnificent fifty and hundred-acre coffee and banana farms ready for your enterprising people. That will be only a small installment of what will follow. We can find room in what will follow. We can find room in Hawaii for half a million of the best Americans. We have as yet only scratched the surface of our natural resources, of whose capability we are constantly receiving new revelations. And to crown all, is our glorious climate of such magnificent mildness, where sunstroke is unknown. I might add something of a growing pros-pect of an immense future pineapple trade with the coast, but that is hardly yet an established fact, although most promis-

After so much talk about bananas, l cannot refrain from denouncing the ex-travagance of Humboldt's constantly quoted and preposterous statement that an acre of bananas will produce fifty times as much nutriment as an acre of wheat or potatoes. Humboldt probably saw a few hills of bananas in some exceptionally rich hills of bananas in some exceptionally field plot with abundance of moisture, and in that stage of growth when bunches are turned out in rapid succession. He neglected to allow for the great exhaustion of the soil, and need of subsequent resting of the land, as well as for the year or more of growth before fruit appears. From my own experience with bananas, I question whether it is very much more productive of nutriment than the esculent roots like tare, yams and sweet potatoes, which form taro, yams and sweet potatoes, which form the chief food of Polynesians. In a flood-ed patch, with careful hand culture, taro will amply feed twelve persons to the acre. But there is not one acre in five hundred of the whole country that can be made to io this. With bananas, much animal food would be necessary in addition. Still, it is a valuable fruit, and profitable to raise for exportation. KAMEHAMEHA.

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER WASHINGTON. Newspaper Writer Who Found the

City Radiantly Beautiful. rom the "Two Republics." Mexico.

My Washington correspondent writes: I have girded my soul to enable me to resist the temptation to rhapsodize over this city in its present attire, but it is almost too much for me. We have just come in from a walk of some thirty blocks, and this not in sequestered places, but right through the heart of the capital, straight down the broad and blazing spaces of Pennsylvania avenue, and yet, so rare, so radiantly beautiful is the city, that even such a walk as this may well beguile one's pen into what a stranger might construe as a sheer extravaganza of praise, which it isn't; it is a sober and just appreciation of a town that, with its setting of ninety a town that, with its setting of ninety thousand trees, within the limits (not in remote parks), presents an unequaled picture among capitals, as foreigners themselves concede. And even Pennsylvania avenue, a hundred and fifty feet wide, is relieved by the reservations, while, turning to look up and down, at every crossing the eye is lost in delicious vistas of delicate greenery, and today this town is nothing greenery, and today this town is nothing less than radiantly pretty, alluringly love-ly and enchantingly beautiful, not a syl-lable less. In Lafavette Square directly lable less. In Lafayette Square, directly in front of the White House, it is said there is every tree that will flourish in this latitude, including the magnificent "emperor tree" of Japan, which is on the White House mall, a large, stately tree that flowers to the top, with full clusters, shaped like the white cone blossoms of the horse chestnut, but of lilac color, so that the first time we saw the tree it looked as the first time we saw the tree it looked as if a mighty wisteria vine had draped itself if a mighty wisteria vine had draped itself over all the branches; magnolias are here in number, presenting, at Easter, a superb spectacle, and exalting matchless fra-grance through the park; the cedar of Lebgrance through the park; the cedar of Leb-anon lays its spreading boughs down al-most upon the ground; the purple beech this morning looked like a golden-bronze fretwork against a perfect sky; a dogwood in clustering petals stands like a bridal bouquet directly in front of the White House, and somber pipes are greatly the House, and somber pines are grouped be-tween bright maples, and oak and elms reach out magnificent lines of verdure, and underneath, all sorts of pretty bushes, in detail, is not out at the remote limits of a city, but all through the heart of it, so that the children are playing everywhere, and life seems as if the world itself were

Spain From a Car Window.

Elizabeth Robins Pennell in the Century. It was flery hot. It was noon when we reached the junction of Bobadilla, where we turned eastward toward Granada. The carriage seemed a furnace, its wood was fire to our touch, the air that came through the windows was burning. The country was scorched to a cinder; the mountains glittered in the heat; the shadeless towns quivered in a hot haze like a mirage. We lay back, panting, fanning ourselves with our hats and our guide books. We came to baked, dust-driven stations; at each was the same cry of "Water! water!" from the

the same cry of "Water! water!" from the women who made a living by selling it, and the people in the train who were trying to dfink it.

To hames—Antequera, Loja, San Fernand—that earlier had thrilled us in Murray and Washington Irving we were now indifferent, as they were spluttered by the dust-choked guard. For hours the horizon was bounded by low mountains with here was bounded by low mountains, with here and there tiny patches of snow on their upper slopes. But where the dazzling, glowng snow-peaks of the Sierra Nevada, that om up so magnificently in the romance of Washington Irving, and in the story of every traveler who has been to Granada? True, through the cane-brake, stifling in he torrid air, we had seen two or three low hills crowned with olive groves, planted like a map, and on the top of each something that looked like the ruins of gigantic brick kilns or tumbled-down fac-tories. Granada nust be near, for we had passed San Fernando; but neither to the right nor to the left could be seen the minarets of the Moorish city or the domes of Catholic Spain. Slower and slower went the train, and then it stopped. Every one got out, and we knew it was Granada.

Blacksmiths' Anvils.

"It is not generally known," observed a prominent blacksmith, "that nearly all of the anvils used by blacksmiths in this country are made by one firm in Brooklyn, N.Y. All kinds of substitutes have been invented and put on the market, but after using them the blacksmith generally goes back to the wrought iron anvil, which is hand made. There are plenty of cast iron and steel anvils for sale, but they find but little favor from blacksmiths, who prefer an anvil that sings. The cast iron anvil has an arvit that sings. The cast iron anvil has no music about it and does not give any more response to the hammer than if one was hammering on a stump. It is music, or singing, as the smithy calls it, that is wanted. A blacksmith does nearly all his talking to his helper by the sounds made on the anvil by his hammer. As far as the village blacksmith is expected. lage blacksmith is concerned, singing by the anvil is his constant advertisement. Ordinarily an anvil will last from ten to twenty years; that is, if it is handled care-fully, though there are many anvils that are now used by sons which were used by the fathers during their entire lifetime."

All's Well That Ends Well.

ever?"

From the Texas Sifter. "How is that fued between you and Jim McSnifter getting on? Is it as bitter as

ROYAL WEDDING

Princess Mand to Be Married to Prince Charles of Denmark.

PREPARATION OF THE TROUSSEAU

pected that a semi-monthly line of freight Trip of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery.

CURRENT THEATRICAL NOTES

(Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, July 4 .-- The wedding of Princess Maud of Wales to Prince Charles of Denmark has finally been fixed for July 22. The queen will attend the ceremony, and it has been practically decided that the young couple will traverse London while on their way to Sandringham, in order to enable the masses to greet them.

The trousseau, which has been prepared by various English and Irish houses, is almost completed. The work has been under the personal supervision of the Princess of Wales, who has allowed a number of lady reporters to inspect it. The wedding gown is of white satin with a deep telt of silver embroidery, studded with a delicate design in brilliants. The material was woven at Spitalfields.

It would take columns of space to briefly describe the host of charming costumes, etc., adapted to all occasions, which have been prepared for the popular princess. The costumes are chiefly tailor-made, and include a bicycling costume of fawn-colored Venetian cloth, with a narrowish skirt having little pockets at the hem-to hold shot intended to keep the dress in

Among the numerous hats of the princess is a leather-hued Tam O'Shanter, in addition to a number of fancy straws for bicycling and walking. There are gloves in endless variety and hose of the finest silk, with beautiful designs in embroidery and open work. Besides innumerable indoor evening shoes and slippers of the most delicate and heautiful metable in the side of the most delicate and heautiful metable in the side of the most delicate and heautiful metable in the side of delicate and beautiful materials, there is one pair of slippers wrought in brilliants. The number of outdoor shoes and gaiters is unusually large, and all the leather shoes, either Russian or kid, have thick soles and low heels. Some of them are very high, running up to fifteen buttons for real hard work. Every pair is fitted with light pol-ished boot trees, brass-plated, and engraved on the plates are the arms and ini-tials of the bride as a Princess of Den-

The Princess of Wales among other gifts has presented her daughter with a superb circular Russian cape of purple velvet, lined throughout with the finest sable and having a deep sable collar.

Sale of Race Horses.

As a coincidence, two of the most famous English studs were sold at auction this week, and over-excited the racing world in the anxiety of its members to obtain possession of one or more of the famous horses. Hence, unexpectedly high prices were reached, and the influx of successful speculators in the cycling boom and Afri-can mines as well as numerous foreign racing men kept the game lively.

In the late Col. North's best lot, Red
Heart, a four-year-old chestnut horse, realized 5,355 guineas, and was bought by Rucker, who has made a fortune by the promotion of bicycling companies. The total sale produced 37,350 guineas for fifty-four animals, and the sale of the late Baron Hirsch's stud realized 47,113 guineas for the tate. for thirty-two horses. All the great racing magnates were at the sale, in addition to the Marlboroughs, Curzons, Lord Lonsdalo, and others. The foreign breeders seemed de sind others. The foreign breeders seemed de-termined to secure the mares, and they succeeded in obtaining several of them. One foreign bid was only a hundred guineas below the selling price of La Fleche, 13,230 guineas, which mare was guineas. It appears that Sir Tatton Sykes, the apparent purchaser of La Fleche, named a price for the mare, but Lady Sykes gave Lord Marcus Beresford, who purchased her for Sir Tatton, carte blanche, and it now seems that the lady's husband persists in his refusal to take La Fleche. It looks, therefore, as though the famous mare of the late Baron Hirsch will be reauctioned, in which case Lord Marcus Beresford may have to find the difference in the prices if he fails to realize as much as he bought her for. Incidentally, it is generally admitted that the price paid for

La Fleche was too high. The tota for ten mares was 27,000 guineas. It appears that it was Mrs. Langtry who objected to Mr. Enoch Wishard's Macbriggs being adjudged the winner of the 150 sovereigns plate on Wednesday, on the ground that the horse had won over 500 guineas in America, and was, therefore, not qualified to enter for that event. The objection, however, was overruled.

The Trip of the Bostonians. The program for the visit of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts to London has been slightly modified. The trip to Henley has been abandoned for a trip to Windsor Castle. The reception committee, which will meet the Bostonians at Liverpool on Tuesday, is composed of six members of the London company, a civil committee, headed by Lord Colville of Culross. On the occasion of the inspection at Mariborough house a guard of honor of the London company, with band and colors, will procoed there via the Thames embankment and the Bostonians will join them as they pass the Hotel Cecil. The horse artillery and the field battery will each furnish a party of twenty men to keep the grounds of Marlborough house

The Duchess of Marlborough continues to be the rage. She entertained a large house party at Blenheim Sunday, including Mr. and Mrs. Henry White. On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. White entertained the Duke and Duchess of York at dinner at their residence. their residence, Grosvenor Terrace. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. White will the Marquis of Salisbury at Hatfield, and

will remain there until Monday.

A local newspaper alludes to Mr. Henry White as being the "first secretary of the American legation," and adds that "he is greatly assisted in his diplomatic work by his wife." Mr. White, it is hardly neces his wife." Mr. White, it is hardly necessary to add, was formerly secretary of the United States legation; but, was succeeded by Mr. James R. Roosevelt.

The United States ambassador, Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, is to leave town on July 20 for a yachting cruise along the coast of Scotland, and to the North Cape

on St. John Pender's yacht. The wedding of the season will be that of Lady Sophie Beatrix Mary Cadogan, youngest daughter of Earl and Counters Cadogan, to Sir Samuel Scott. It will take place in Holy Trinity Church, on Monday, in the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their daughters, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke of Cambridge and crowds of aristocrats. The list of presents occupies columns in the Morr

ng Post.
The American line steamship St. Louis which sails from Southampton for New York today, takes among her passengers Mr. Alexander MacDonald, the United States minister to Persia, and Mr. Claus Spreckels of San Francisco. Adelina Patti's final concert at the Albert Hall, on Tuesday, was a great suc-

cess.

The will of the late Sir Augustus Harris, the theatrical manager, appoints his wife and brother-in-law to be his execu-tors, and gives them absolute discretion to centinue his various operatic and theatr cal schemes. He left at his banker's a bal-ance of \$120,000.

Bessie Tyree Abroad.

Elizabeth Tyree, an American actress, for five years a member of Daniel Frohman's New York company, gave a special matinee performance yesterday afternoon at the Comedy Theater before a distinguished company of critics and fashionable folk Scenes from "Romeo and Juliet," "Fedora" and "The Country Girl" were produced. It is understood that Miss Tyree is looking for a London theater, with the view of

upon his forthcoming American tour.
It is understood that Mr. Willard is greatly disappointed at the only partial success of "A Rogue's Comedy," upon which he had built up great hopes for the United States. This, with the failure of his attempt to secure the American rights of "Rosemary," led to the negotiations with Hall Caine.

It is rumored that the new play will be a dramatisation of Mr. Caine's latest novel, now rapidly approaching completion, and it may be produced in Boston somewhere about Christmas.

Mr. Willard is spending the summer qui-etly at his beautiful home at Banstead, among the Surrey hills, and recently de-clined a most liberal offer from Forbes Robertson to appear in the revival of "The School for Scandal," now running at the Lyceum Theater. Mr. Robertson also attempted to secure the services of John Hare for the play.

Olga Nethersole's Return.

Olga Nethersole, who will return to the United States in October, has been in communication with Sarah Bernhardt regarding a play which the latter has written, and which she intends to produce in Paris shortly. Miss Nethersole wishes to secure its American rights, and has also commissioned Henry Esmond to write a play for her in modern style and ultra-emotional in sentiment.

The Galety Theater has been closed since the termination of Miss Nethersole's en-gagement in "Carmen," and rehearsals of The Clergyman's Daughter" are actively proceeding. This musical comedy will be produced at the Galety Theater tonight, and Marie Montrose will assume the lead-Augustin Daly's London season will be-

gin at the Comedy Theater on Saturday next, July 11. The opening attraction will be Mr. Daly's adaptation of "The Countess Gucki." The cast will be practically the same as in America and includes James Lewis, Edwin Varrey, Charles Richman, Sydney Herbert, Herbert Gresham, Mrs. Gilbert, Helma Nelson and Ada Rehun. "The Queen's Proctor" is so great a suc-cess at the Royalty Theater that Arthur Bourchier is endeavoring to cancel his au-tumn tour in order that the run may continue uninterruptedly up to November, at which time his American engagement be-

Gertrude Warden and her husband, Wilton Jones, successfully produced at St. James' Hall last Monday afternoon a new duologue entitled "Women's Proper Sphere." Miss Warden has not been seen on the stage since her creation of "Vi ash" in "The New Woman." She is also the author of a popular story entitled "Nobody's Widow.

There is a constant increase here in the number of suburban theaters. The Brixton Theater will soon be ready for occupancy, theater will soon be ready for occupancy, and its cost has been over \$150,000. A new theater at Lavender Hill, Battersea, is rapidly approaching completion, and a new house of amusement, to be called "The Empire," is projected at Hackney.

Beerbohm Tree has generously released Dorothea Baird from her contract with him and the marriage of this most famous "Trilby" and Harry Irving will be solemnized at Oxford on July 22. Mr. Irving and

his wife will tour America in the autumn. She will play "Mercie" to his "Marcus Su-perbus" in "The Sign of the Cross." Mr. Tree will close the Haymarket Theater and the run of "Triby" simultaneously next Saturday. After a brief holiday, which will be passed at Bournemouth, Mr. Tree will make a provincial tour. If he can secure a suitable London house Mr. Tree proposes to produce Gilbert Parker's dramatization of his novel, "The Seats of the Mighty."

Charles Hawtrey will produce a new farat the Comedy entitled "Behind the Scenes," at the Comedy Theater tonight.

This is one of a series of experiments to find an acceptable play for this place of amusement

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.

Conditions and Prices Practically as Last Reported.

The condition of the local wholesale produce market today shows but little change from that observed a week ago, although butter has dropped just a fraction of a cent for the best grades. Eggs are selling at precisely the same prices prevailing a week ago, and the same can be said, indeed, of about every other product. Products, especially vegetables and fruits, are arriving in very large quantities and in good condition, and as a whole the market is in splendid shape.
While in the highest grades butter has

dropped a fraction, the other grades re-main as last quoted, and the market is rather quiet. The prices prevailing today are: Fancy Elgin and western extras, 16% cents a pound; choice, 16; firsts, 14; seconds, 13; choice bakers' stock, 10 to 12; New York tubs, 12; dairy print, 14; western, 10; Maryland and Virginia creamery, 14; dairy packed, 12.

The following prices for cheese show that the market for that product is unchanged: Eggs are fairly plentiful, but prices remain

as last reported: Nearby fresh, 12 to 12½ cents a dozen; western, 10; southern, 9; keat or guinea stock, 4 to 5. Because of the national holiday there is an increased demand for poultry, but prices are not affected, as may be seen from the following: Live chickens, 10 to 11 cents; dressed, 12 to 15; old stock, dressed, 8 to 9; live, 4 to 6; capons, 16 to 18; ducks, 12 to 13, and geese, 6 to 9; spring chickens, 15 to

The following prices observed in vegetables and fruits: Cucumbers, per box, 40a 50c.; carrots, per barrel, \$1.50; cauliflower, per barrel, \$4; kale, per barrel, 50a75c.; celery, per dozen, 25a75c.; squash, per box, 75c.a\$1; spinach, per barrel, \$1a\$1.25; asparagus, per bunch, 3a6c.; lettuce, per barrel, \$2.50a\$3; per basket, \$1a\$1.50; potntoes, agus, per burch, 3aoc.; lettuce, per barrel, \$2.50a\$3; per basket, \$1a\$1.50; potatoes, fancy, new, per barrel, \$1.40a\$1.50; choice, per barrei, \$1.20a\$1.30; new, per bushel, 40a 50c.; culls, per barrel, 50a75c.; Maryland and Virginia, perbushel, 40a50c.; culls, per bushel, 20a25c.; tomatoes, per crate, Florida, 50c.a\$1; per crate, native, \$1.75a\$2; egg plant, per half barrel box, \$2a\$2.50; beets, per 100 bunches \$1.50a\$5.50; cabbarrel box. per 100 bunches, \$1.50a\$2.50; cabbage, new, per 100 bunches, \$1.50a\$2.50; cabbage, new, per barrel, 75c.a\$1; onions, Bermuda, per crate, \$1.40a\$1.50; yellow, per barrel, \$1.25a \$1.50; yellow, new, per bushel, 40a50c; turnips, per barrel, \$1a\$1.25; squash, white, per crate, \$1.25a\$1.50; beans, white, New York mediums, \$1.10; New York pea, \$1.05; marrow, \$1.20; Virginia white, 75c. mediums, \$1.10; New York pea, \$1.05; marrow, \$1.20; Virginia, white, 75c.; white, mixed, 50c.; colored, 50a00c.; apples, fancy table, per barrel, \$2a\$2.50; per box, 50a75c.; choice, per barrel, \$2a\$2.50; common, per bex, 25a40c.; oranges, California, fancy, bright, per box, \$4a\$4.50; Messuna, per box, \$3.50a\$5; Valencia, cases, \$3a\$3.50; lemons, Cicily, per box, \$2a\$3; raspberries, red, per quart, 7a\$c.; black, per quart, 7a\$c.; whortleberries, per quart, 7a\$c.; blackberries, per quart, 3a4c.

Beef and other meats remain practically as they have been for some time. Live cat-

as they have been for some time. Live cat-tle, from 2 to 4½ cents a pound; lambs, 4 to 5%; spring lamb, 6 to 8; sheep, 2% to 3%; cows with calves, \$20 to \$45; calves, 5 to 7 cents a pound, and dresse l'hogs, 4 to 7.

STRONGEST HOME TIE.

Mrs. Miffler Gave Away Her Lord's Old Slippers and He Flew to the Club. From the Helena (Mont.) Independent.

He had taken off his boots and was down on his hands and knees searching for something when his wife noticed him. "What are you looking for, William?" she

asked. "My slippers," he replied. "Oh, I gave those old things away today," she said.

"You gave them away!" he repeated, and then he added, solemnly: "Mrs. Miffler, are you trying to drive me away from home?" "Of course not. I-"

"What is home without slippers?" he interrupted. "What is an evening at home with heavy boots on your feet? Mrs. Miffer, what do you think constitutes home?"
"Why, you can get another pair," she protested.

"Of course I can," he exclaimed. "I can get a new pair of stiff-soled slippers and spend thirty days breaking them in."

"The others were torn, and—"

"That's why I liked them! They were

comfortable. When I got them on things seemed home-like, I was settled for the evening, and a four-horse team could not get me out again. But now—now I am ready for the club, or theater, or any old place. Slippers, Mrs. Miffier, help me to make the difference between the home and place. Slippers, Mrs. Miffler, help me to make the difference between the home and the office, and old slippers make the difference greatest."

system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples just before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more once greatest."
"I can't see why—"

Max Bruch's "Meses" to Be Given by the Choral Seciety.

The Program for the Whole Seaso Mapped Out by the Board of Directors-Other Interesting Items.

The board of directors of the Choral Seclety had an important meeting last Wednesday evening, when the report and accommodations of the finance committee were considered and acted on. It is now practically decided that the society will give three concerts next winter. The first will be the "Messiah," of which two performances will be given on the 29th and 30th of December. But one soloist has been engaged for this work, Mr. Ericsson Bushnell. The contralto may come from Baltimore, or may be taken from any local singers, and it is probable that the

soprano and tenor will both be local neople. The second concert will consist of Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," and a miscellaneous program. It is likely that one or two soloists of high repute may be secured for this occasion, who will be heard in the cantata as well as in concert numbers. In both these concerts the society will have organ and plano accompaniments. The third concert will mark the ments. The third concert will mark the presentation of a work never heard in this city, Max Bruch's "Moses," a composition of great beauty and difficulty, which will be given with a quartet of splendid soloists and a full orchestra. Although it has not yet been definitely determined, it is probable that Clementine De Vere and Emil Fischer will be two of the soloists, and the others will be fully up to their strategic. others will be fully up to their standard. Professor Kaspar, the musical director, is enthusiastic about this work, and is satisfied that the society will make a marked impression with it. It will be given at one of the theeters.

of the theaters.

The directors are anxious to have all the details for the season arranged during the recess, so that when the members of the society assemble for active work in the fall, everything will be mapped out for them, and they will commence the work of rehearsal systematically and with enthusians.

Tomorrow will be the feast of St. Peter, Tomorrow will be the feast of St. Peter, and the choir at St. Peter's Church has prepared an elaborate program of music, which will be given at the celebration of high mass at 10:30 a.m. It is as follows: Asperges, Lehenerff; Kyrie, 12th Mass, Mozart; Gloria, 12th Mass, Mozart; Graduale, "Tu cs Petrus," Lavalle; Veni Creator, baritone solo and chorus (adapted), Mendelssohn: Credo Mosse Scientelle (County) sohn; Credo, Messe Solennelle, Gounod; Offertorium, "O, Salutaris," soprano solo, with chorus, from Gounod's "Gallia" (adapted); Sanctus et Pieni Sunt, Messe Solennelle, Gounod; Agnus Dei, 12th Mass, Mozart; Recessional.

The choir will for this occasion be considerably augmented, and will consist of the following: Soprani—Misses Hattle Ritchie, Anna Baptista, Bessie Skelly, Mar-Ritchie, Anna Baptisia, Bessie Skelly, Mar-garet Coleman, Mary McMahon, A.Borbeck, Mollie Daly, Bessie Hickey, Annah Bogan, Katharine Allen, Margaret McMahon, Nellie Bolger, Mrs. M. Mehler. Aiti—Misses Regina Baptista, L. Arendes, Anna Rogers, Mary Llufrio, Augusta Borbeck, A. B. O'Neill, Cora Gerrish, Mrs. J. V. Wilson. Tenori-Messrs. J. C. Weldman, E. S. Richards, L. Sweat, Stasius Meade, Dr. H. . Heath, Messrs, H. O. Cook, R. Smart, Neff. Bassi—Messrs, R. Wm. Devreaux, Atchison, C. Gross, I. L. Johnson, J. F. Eckert, A. Schulters, John Hamilton, M. Grant, T. V. Wilson, C. J. Walshe, L. Hiles,

Grant, T. V. Wilson, C. J. Walshe, L. Hiles, C. Murray, A. Erly, C. Goodchild.

Mr. Eugene French is the director and Miss N. R. Kearon, organist.

The Sunday Night Music Club celebrated the birthday of the well-known composer and conductor, Carl Reinecke, at the residence of Miss Elsa Ulke last Sunday night, playing two of his interesting accountable. and conductor, and conductor, and conductor, and dence of Miss Elsa Ulke last Sunday night, playing two of his interesting compositions, serenades, in addition to which Miss Bertie Reichenbach sang two of his songs, with violin obligatos, which were played by Miss Florence King. They also played one of Coldmark's overtures.

Springs.

very attractive programs are presented.

Next Wednesday evening the program will be furnished by Mrs. Wm. L. Wilson, soprano; Mr. W. L. Wilson, baritone, and Mr. D. G. Pfeiffer, planist. The last named will play Liszt's transcription of the "Spinand Mr. Wilson will sing Dudley Buck's "Sunset" and the "Creole Love Song." Mrs. Wilson's numbers will be attractive, and the whole program will be one of unusual

excellence,
Mrs. Thomas C. Noyes, in addition to her oped ability as a composer. She has written a march for the piano which is said by those who have heard it to have a splendid swing that will make it remarkably

popular.
The Madrid Quartet has gone to New York on a professional tour. They will be gone for several weeks, during which time they will visit Bar Harbor, Newport and other watering places.

Mr. Will Haley, the leader of the Washington Concert Band, has gone to Lake George, where he will conduct the orchestra at the Fort William Henry Hotel during the sesson.

ing the season.

Fads in Pronunciation.

From the Critic. It is possibly too late to cure the affectation of giving Teutonic twist to the pronunciation of those good old Saxon words either and neither, in whose original there was no suspicion of an i, for fashion seems to have decreed, notwithstanding the opposition of the lexicographers, that they shall be i-ther and ni-ther, and so they will probably continue to be with those who aspire to keep pace with the popular whirl, until the turn of the wheel shall bring the correct form on top again. That oft-mooted question may then be considered out of

But there are two other words that seem

court for the present.

to be going the same road, and alike in opposition to all authority, concerning which I wish to make a few remarks. I mean the words evil and devil, which have a the words evil and devil, which have a close relation to each other in more ways than one. Many of our clergymen have adopted for these words the pronunciation of e-vil and dev-il, and I am sorry you say that dev-il has so got the upper hand that the e-vil is on the increase, until what was in the beginning only a clerical affectation now bids fair, like i-ther and ni-ther, to assume the proportions of a popular fashion. Time was when the stage virtuality ion. Time was when the stage virtually ion. Time was when the stage virtually set the standard in the pronunciation of the language, but in these latter days of dramatic degeneracy, when slipshod English and imperfect enunciation seems to be the rule behind the footlights, the pulpit exerts an equal if not greater influence. It behooves every clergyman, then, to look carefully to his rhetorical ways, lest he teach orthered heterodays with lest he teach orthoepic heterodoxy while preaching the soundest of theological or-thodoxy. Now, the words in question have been pronounced ever since the English language came into teing simply e-vil and dev-il, with the accent on the first syllable, and no amount of mispronunciation can make the one any worse or add any terrors to the other. If our clergymen will only bear in mind that "the e-vil that men do lives after them," they will look more carefully in future to their orthopy and hesitate ere they try to improve on the good old-fashioned dev'l of our fathers.

An Apple Night Can.

From the Bulletin of Pharmacy. In August summer apples will have rip-

ened, and everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up. but no harm can come even to a delicate phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of is understood that Miss Tyree is looking for a London theater, with the view of playing an engagement during the early autumn.

The opening piece at the newly decorated Adelphia Theater will be a melodrama, entitled "Boys Together," in which Haddon Chambers and Comyns Carr have collaborated.

Hall Caine has in contemplation a new play for E. S. Willard, which the latter will undoubtedly produce for the first time of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. This is not all. The apple helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculous than suffrage or anything else in that line. Just slippers—nothing but slippers."

He got up and stamped around the room in his stockinged feet for a minute or two and then put on his boots again.

"This isn't home," he said, bitterly. "It isn't a bit like it. I'm going to the ciub."

Rev. Charles H. Butler, pastor of the Keller Memorial Lutheran Church, recent ly received a check for \$40 from the "Little Helpers'" circle of King's Daughters of the Luther Memorial Church, which was applied to the church debt. Two thousand dollars have been paid within the last year or two, and the next move will be to cancel the remaining indebtedness and complete the unfinished portion of the church. On the first day of July, fifty years ago, the corner stone of Union Methodist Episcocal Church was left. copal Church was laid. While no special exercises were held in commemoration of the event, still there is a prospect that this anniversary may be commemorated before long in a substantial manner, namely, by the erection of a new church edi-

It is expected that the handsome pipe organ made for Fifteenth Street Church will soon be in position. It was shipped from the manufacturers last week. When ready for use an organ recital will be

The "Fifth Church Workers," recently or-ganized from among the ladies of the Fifth Congregational Church, held an ice

ream and cake sale on H street northeast today. The proceeds are to go toward the church building fund.

Tuesday evening there was a meeting of the Church Temperance Society of the First Congregational Church, at which reports were read of the work of committees dur-ing the past year. There were also ad-dresses delivered by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Newman, and several officers of the so-

It has been decided to discontinue the

Sunday evening services in the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church during the heated term. Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society held the last meeting until next fall at the residence of Mrs. Van Doren, on East Capitol street. Wednesday the Gunton Temple Memorial

Wednesday the Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Christian Endeavorers gave a garden party at the residence of Mr. Vernon E. Hodges, on Stoughton street northwest. The grounds were beautifully decorated and lighted. Music was furnished throughout the evening. The proceeds will go to the C. E. convention fund. The family of Rev. Dr. Oilver A. Brown of the Foundry Methodist Church are now of the Foundry Methodist Church are now at their summer home, at Atlantic Highlands, N. J. The doctor has been granted a month's vacation by his congregation, but will not take it until later on.

The Sunday school of Grace M. E. Church, in conjunction with the Epworth League, has just purchased a handsome plano. It was placed in the lecture room of the church last week.

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A lawn party opened Tuesday on the

grounds of the pastoral residence of St.
Augustine's Church. The fete will close
this evening, and from the attendance
through the week it is expected that a large sum of money will be realized.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of Trin-

ity Protestant Episcopal Church has mapd out and begun a vigorous summer campaign. The membership of the brother-hood is divided into three committees, and these committees distribute each week at various local hotels invitations to attend church, and pamphlets and papers to the church, and pamphlets and papers to the prisoners remaining over night at the sixth precinct station and to patients at the Emergency Hospital. The chapter is rapidly increasing in membership, and now numbers nearly forty, being the largest chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the diocese of Washington.

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Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis, pastor of the Western Presbyterian Church, has arranged to spend his vacation this summer of two months in traveling through Canada and going as far as Sitka. He will leave the city at the close of the Christian Endeavor convention. The services at the Western Church will be continued without interruption

tion.

The ladies of Waugh Methodist Church have organized themselves into a society for social purposes, and recently the society gave a successful breakfast. The pastor of the church, Rev. E. Olin Eldridge, has decided to take his vacation during the month of August, and will leave the last of this month for Ocean Grove, N.J., accompanied by his family.

The Literary Society at Carlin Springs, Va., or as the post office appellation of that suburb is now known, Glencarlyn, gives

O'Donoghue, will officiate for the first time livered by Rev. Father Joseph O'Brien, pas-tor of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore. The Central Methodist Protestant Church is having some improvements made to it be-fore the summer sets in. The outside of the

church has been painted, and there is also to be a rearrangement of the rooms. A party consisting of Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir, pastor of E Street Baptist Church, and Profs. Lodge and Gore of Columbian Untvacation trip abroad. Dr. Muir will sail on the Maasdam for Holland, and after a short stay in that country will go to Great Britain, where he will spend the major portion of his vacation, returning to occupy the pulpit in the E Street Church the first day in September. It is expected that during a large part of August the church building will be in the possession of work-men, and if this is the case there will be

no church services.
Mr. Charles H. Carrington, superintendent of the North Presbyterian Sunday school, has returned to this city from Boston. During the absence of Mr. Carring-ton the Sunday school was in charge of Mr. M. C. Bennett. The doors and wood-work of the church have just been painted and all the rooms in the frent portion of the edifice newly papered.

Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Childs, archdeacon of

Washington, who was recently taken sick while conducting services at Christ Episcopal Church, was reported as being some-what better this week.

The Sunday schools of St. Paul's Protes-

ant Episcopal and of the Western Presbytant Episcopal and of the Western Fresby-terian churches went on a joint excursion down the river on Monday of this week. The base ball nines of the two schools played a ball game, which resulted in a victory for the former team. The vested choir of St. John's Episcopal The vested choir of St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington, left Tuesday on their annual outing trip. They will spend it this year at Piney Point, the party consisting of nearly forty men and boys. They were accompanied by the assistant rector of the church and the director of the choir, Mr. Daniel. Dr. Mackay-Smith, the rector of St. John's Church, is to leave the first part of this month, accompanied by his family, to spend the summer at York Cliffs, Me. The services at St. John's will be conducted by the assistant rector, Rev. Robert S. W. Wood.

S. W. Wood.

Rev. Samuel W. Sears of Huntingdon, Pa., who died last month, has left his library of 200 volumes to the American University. The collection is a varied one, and contains some valuable theological works. The university recently received a small bequest, which, when the estate from which it is to receive it is settled, will amount to between \$1,000 and \$3,000. Bishop Hurst has left for his summer home at Marion, Mass.
The following were elected recently as

officers of the Christian Endeavor of E Street Baptist Church: President Harry W. Johnson; vice president, P. Leslie Webb; secretary, George Richards, and treasurer, Miss Grace Fields. The Protestant Episcopal Mission of the Good Shepherd, on H street northeast, which has been for some time past conducted under the auspices of St. Mark's Church by an arrangement which at present is temporary, will be in charge of Epiphany Church. The mission will be Epiphany Church. The mission will be under the direct care of the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, who will preach his first sermon tomorrow, and will also assist in other work of Epiphany parish. Rev. Mr. Smith has just been ordained to the Episcopal ministry, and is a graduate of Harvard University and of the Cambridge Theological School. He is the son of the Rev. Dr. Smith, pastor of Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Baltimore. Regular services and a Sunday school are to be conducted at the Good Shepherd Mission.

The Luther League of America, through its executive committee, recently held a session at Lancaster, Pa., and it was decided to hold the next annual convention

cided to hold the next annual convention of the order at Chicago on the 17th, 18th and 19th of November. Among the mem-bers of the committee who were present at the meeting was Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt of his city, who is the treasurer of the

At a meeting of the Baptist Ministers Association Monday morning Rev. E. Hez Swem delivered an address on "Self Love." The association will adjourn for the summer next Monday.

There Are Others.

From Judge. "I don't like such expressions as 'the glad Mrs. Cawker to her husband.

"Well," replied Mr. Cawker, "wherein do they differ from such time-honored phrases as "the cold shoulder," 'the hot tongue' and 'the stony stare?"

"Never. When I have once made up my mind I never change it."

"I am much obliged to you for telling me that. I wouldn't marry that kind of a woman if she was covered with diamonds and pearls," replied he, reaching for his hat.

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The Laurel branch of the Christian Endeavor met this week and elected delegates to the Christian Endeavor convention, which will be held in Washngton next week. The Laurel Endeavorers also lecided to have the Baltimore and Ohio railroad depot decorated with bunting during the week of the convention. All of the members of the Christian Endeavor here it is expected will attend the

A mad dog, belonging to Mr. Howard Smith, bit a number of dogs in Laurel this week. Among those bitten were dogs belonging to ex-Congressman Compton and Mr. William Keyes, in Laurel, and Mr. Thomas D. Simpson, in North Laurel. The dogs bitten will probably be killed shortly. The dog, which was secured by Mr. Smith from Mr. Exack of Beltsville, is still running at large, and it is feared that quite a number of dogs will be bitten before the animal is captured.

Laurel Council, No. 173, Jr. O. U. A. M., elected the following officers, who were installed last night: Jr. P. C., Dr. T. M. Baldwin; A. R. S., Caras Root; Con., Mr. Roberts; warden, W. E. Padgett; I. S., E. J. Scott; O. S., W. T. Scott. The officers will hold office during the ensuing year.

Hyattsville, Rockville and other points in Maryland, is that Congress failed to appropriate in the last pest office appropriation bill for experimental free delivery. Lauref has had free delivery for nearly five years, and its sudden abolishment is a source of great inconvenience to those residing at a distance from the post office. There have been beretofore two deliveries of mail bere during the day and as many collections. The system has worked very successfully and satisfactorily. All of the letter boxes through the town were taken down during the week.

Thomas Woods, son of Mr. Edward Woods of Laurel, was painfully injured recently by the explosion of a Roman candle in the hands of another boy. A namber of boys had gathered together and were amusing themselves by shooting at each other with Roman candles, when George Hoffman, a young companion of Woods, shot at him, the ball taking effect in the back part of his neck, meking an ugly wound, from which he is now slowly recovering.

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The Knights of Pythias are holding a picule in Laurel Grove today. The amusements are numerous and various.

Trinity M. E. Church South Sunday school in holding its annual picule today in Laurel Grove. Miss Lilly Sefton of Washington was the guest Sunday of her sister, Mrs. Charles W. Darr.

Mr. Lawrence Reese and family of Baltimore are spending the summer here with Mrs. Reese's father, Pr. D. W. Snowden.

Judge George E. Loweree of Laurel is the guest of Gov. Lowndes in Cumberland.

Maj. Frank E. Little, inspector for the Post Office Department at Chattanooga, Teim., is on a visit here to his family on Railrond avenue.

Mr. William Peake and family of Washington spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. Peake's brother, Mr. Millard F. Peake.

Messrs. Charles Sudier and Upton Bell of Baltimore visited their friends here recently.

Mrs. Agnes Jenkins of Baltimore was the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. A. Chinton Shaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Con. Von Voigt have returned from a pleasant stay of two weeks at Saratoga, N. Y. Mr. Austin Adams of Baltimore spent Sunday with Mr. Lee Duvall.

Mr. George H. Wickert is spending several days in Atlantic City.

Mrss. Emma Hoover of Baltimore is the guest here of her aunt, Mrs. A. C. Shaffer.

Mrs. William Henry Harrison and Miss Maud Harrison are at Atlantic City.

Messrs. George W. Waters, jr., and Thomas Cranmiller attended the bicycle meet at Cambridge today.

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Senator Gorman and daughter are in Elkins, W. Va., the guests of the Senator's first cousin, ex-Senator H-nry G. Davis. The Senator will return, it is expected, about the first of the week, and will then go to Saratoga for a ten days' stay.

Miss Blanche Linthicum of Anne Arundel county is the guest here of Miss Bertle Rogers.

An English Ceremony From the American.

A queer custom was observed for the two hundred and fiftieth time at Leighton Buzzard this year in accordance with the will of a London merchant, who founded ten almshouses in the town. The trustees, accompanied by the town crier and a band of boys carrying green boughs, beat the boundaries of the parish, stopping at the properties from whose incomes the charities are supported. At all these places one boy stood on his head while the will was read. After the procession, plum rolls were given to the boys. Until recently a half pint of beer was given, but this has been suppressed, rolls being distributed to all the school children instead. In the evening the trustees, the town crier and the in mates of the almshouses dined together.

From Harper's Magazine.

A bright little girl, returning from school, was asked by her father what she had been learning that morning. "All of us been learning to spell," said

"What did you learn to spell?" "Learned to spell rat."
"Well, how do you spell rat?" "R-A-T-rat."

"Now, how do you spell mouse?"
"Just the same, only in little smalles letters," said the little maid.

From the Texas Sifter.

"It is utterly useless, Mr. McGinnis, for you to ask me to be your wife," said Esmeralda Longcoffin to a Dallas society man.

"And you will never change your mind?" "Never. When I have once made up my